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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST: BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR U.S.
ASSISTANCE IN SHIPPING CONTRACT RESCISION

REF: (A) STATE 203641 (B) STATE 208867

1. ESPEDITO RESENDE (CHIEF, AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, FOREIGN MINISTRY) CALLED IN EMBASSY OFFICER TO REQUEST U.S. ASSISTANCE IN REFUTING BASIS FOR RESCISSION OF SHIPPING CONTRACT BETWEEN PETROBRAS AND "S.A. GOLFO PERSA." CONTRACT, WHICH RUNS UNTIL 1975, CONTAINS CLAUSE CALLING FOR RESCISSION IN THE EVENT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. BRAZILIAN LOSSES, ACCORDING TO RESENDE, COULD RUN AS HIGH AS 50 MILLION DOLLARS. SHIPPING COMPANY CALLED FOR RESCISSION AS OF OCTOBER 22. RESENDE ASKED FOR NOTE VERBALE CITING USG COMMENTS SUCH AS BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN DENYING ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST FIGHTING PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH OCTOBER 22 DATE.

2. EMBASSY CAN DRAW UPON AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY'S STATEMENT
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IN REFTTEL A (WHICH IS OUT-OF-DATE) OR GUIDANCE IN REFTTEL B

(WHICH IS MUCH TOO DETAILED) IN PREPARING NOTE. THEREFORE,
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION AS TO APPROPRIATE,
AUTHORITATIVE AND UP-TO-DATE LANGUAGE. RESENDE STATED
MATTER WAS OF GREATEST URGENCY AND, IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD
LIKE RESPONSE BY SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27.
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